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INTERACTIONS AND mRNA FUNCTIONALITY

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE  
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.191

Applicant respectfully appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated February 13, 2001 of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-3 and 12-31.

Enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is a petition to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for three months, to and including August 13, 2001.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$155.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for this Notice of Appeal. If there are any charges, or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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